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Barry became Vice Chancellor and General Counsel for the U. T. System in February 2005. He was formerly at the Austin office of the law firm of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. as of counsel from 1998 to 2000 and partner from 2001 to 2005 where his practice included private equity and venture capital financing, mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, regulation and compliance, joint ventures and strategic partnerships, structured and debt finance and general corporate governance. He served as General Counsel of Samsung Austin Semiconductor L.L.C. from 1996-1998. As Samsung's first General Counsel, Barry organized their legal department and then managed its operations. Prior to his position as General Counsel at Samsung Austin, Barry spent 6 years in the Austin office of Vinson & Elkins as a business litigator focusing his practice on antitrust matters, securities fraud defense, telecom industry disputes and other complex federal court litigation. Texas Monthly has twice named Barry a "Texas Super Lawyer."

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